

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 15, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 402, 3/14/2011; HB 536, 3/11/2011; HB 172, 3/4/2011; HB 144, 3/4/2011

Executive Action: SB 402 - Do pass as amended
HB 336 - Be concurred in as amended
HB 337 - Be concurred in
HB 536 - Be concurred in

HEARING ON HB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:51 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 172, Revise laws related to hunting of grizzly bears.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:11 Janet Ellis, lobbyist, Montana Audubon
EXHIBIT(fis58a01)

Informational Testimony:

00:07:32 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:27 Sen. Wittich
00:10:46 Mr. Risley, FWP
00:11:37 Sen. Balyeat
00:12:14 Rep. Washburn
00:13:53 Sen. Facey
00:14:18 Ms. Ellis, Audubon
00:14:33 Sen. Facey
00:14:53 Rep. Washburn
00:15:17 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:04 Rep. Washburn

HEARING ON HB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:05 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 144, Revise FWP licensing laws related to large predators.

EXHIBIT(fis58a02)

00:17:50 Sen. Shockley and Sen. Jent joined the hearing, Sen. Gallus left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:22 Mac Minard, Executive Director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
00:21:46 Rod Bullis, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:11 Tim Ravndal, self
00:26:39 Janet Ellis, lobbyist, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

00:27:26 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
(FWP)

[**EXHIBIT\(fis58a03\)**](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:53 Sen. Barrett
00:29:08 Without objection, Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
(FWP)
00:31:57 Sen. Brenden
00:32:06 Mr. McDonald
00:32:43 Sen. Facey
00:33:30 Mr. Bullis
00:34:32 Sen. Balyeat
00:36:01 Mr. McDonald
00:36:57 Sen. Balyeat
00:37:31 Mr. Bullis
00:38:14 Sen. Wittich
00:39:45 Mr. Risley
00:42:07 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:35 Rep. Washburn

HEARING ON HB 536

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:27 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 536, Repeal registration
for sale of grizzly parts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:30 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
(FWP)

[**EXHIBIT\(fis58a04\)**](#)

00:49:26 Sam Murfitt, self
00:53:46 Ben Lamb, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:54:04 Jack Atcheson Jr., self
00:56:21 Tim Ravndal, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:57:02 Janet Ellis, lobbyist, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:01 Rep. Flynn

HEARING ON SB 402

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:13 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 402, Provide for spring wolf hunts.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:25 Keith Kubista, Director, Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife (SFW)
01:10:37 Ben Lamb, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:12:36 Tim Ravndal, Director, Lewis and Clark Conservative Tea Party (LCCTP)
01:14:03 Trey Cathey, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:16:15 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a05\)](#)

01:19:55 Derek Goldman, Western Wolf Coalition (WWC)

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:08 Sen. Wittich
01:23:23 Mr. Goldman, WWC
01:24:30 Sen. Facey
01:25:05 Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:13_____Sen. Balyeat

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 336

01:31:50 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 336 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:32:02 Sen. Jent

01:32:48 **Motion:** Sen. Jent moved that **HB 336 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fis58a07)

Discussion:

01:33:10 Sen. Balyeat

01:33:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

01:33:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 336 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 337

Motion: Sen. Facey moved that **HB 337 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:35:00 Sen. Barrett

01:35:23 Sen. Jent

01:37:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 536

01:37:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wittich moved that **HB 536 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Facey voting no. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy. Sen. Wittich will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 402

01:39:02 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SB 402 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:39:39 Sen. Facey
01:40:12 Sen. Jent
01:40:54 Sen. Balyeat

01:41:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 402 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(fis58a08)

Discussion:

01:41:36 Sen. Barrett
01:41:49 Sen. Balyeat

01:42:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 402 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY

EXHIBIT(fis58a09)

Testimony submitted to committee on March 15, 2011 by Barb Cestero, Montana Director, Greater Yellowstone Coalition related to HB 172.

EXHIBIT(fis58a10)

Testimony submitted to committee on March 15, 2011 by Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks related to SB 402.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

01:43:12

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis58aad.pdf](#))